

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 16, 2007 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-11 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10 and 11 stand objected to as possibly containing an antecedence problem. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestion in resolving this issue, and has amended claim 1 in accordance with that suggestion. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, "as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention" (Office Action, paragraph 3). Claim 4 has been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that it conforms fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. It is believed that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are now in a condition of allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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